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CHITA MINERS PLEDGE TO CORRECT LAG -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 114, 12 Jun 49

A Chita Oblast Conference of mining industry leaders was held on 10 - 11 June. The conference was opened by Fedorov, secretary of the Oblast Committee VKP(b), followed by Kuchin, head of the heavy industry section of the Oblast Committee VKP(b), who spoke on methods of increasing labor productivity and utilizing new mining methods. The report stated that labor productivity in many of the oblast's mines has not yet regained the 1940 level. The Kalanguy Mine, one of the leading mines in the oblast, which has increased production 1½ times over the prewar level, has a labor productivity lower than in 1940. In the coel mines, the degree of mechanization has increased three times over 1940, but labor productivity is still below prewar, as it is also in the "Baleyzoloto" and "Darasunzoloto" Gold Combines. Some of the causes for this lag are the insufficient improvement of output of workers, large loss of worker time from utilizing unskilled personnel on new machinery, and insufficient mechanization of labor-consuming processes. The Sherlowaya Gora Combine is still working on a seasonal basis, with the resultant large labor turnover. The coal mines have failed to utilize progressive norms in operating machinery and have not adopted new mining methods.

Belevich presented a report urging the rapid conversion of coal mines to the two-shift system and the combining of skills, particularly in the less productive sectors. Swirin reported on the grave shortcomings in the recruitment of manyower for the Zabaykal'skiy Combine.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 119, 19 Jun 49

The Chita Oblast conference of mine industry leaders has worked out the following pledges for increasing labor productivity in 1949 in trusts, combines, and mine administrations:

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MINES MIET PLANS -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 113, 11 Jun 49

On 7 June, the "Darasunzoloto" Combine completed the 6-month gold-mining plan, according to I. Barabanshchikov, director of the combine. The combine made substantial reductions in costs, and realized 1,857,000 rubles accumulations above plan.

F. Neumenko, chief of the Mikhaylovskoye Mine Administration, reports that the administration completed the 6-month gold-mining plan one month ahead of schedule. The low-powered prospecting dredges have started work considerably earlier than planned, and the new dredges have also started operations ahead of schedule.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 124, 26 Jun 49

The "Baleyzoloto" Combine completed the 6-month gold-mining plan on 24 June. The combine completed the 6-month plan for mine preparatory work on 9 June, and for geological prospecting on 28 May, while the Taseyevo and the electric dredge unit also completed the plan ahead of time. In 5-months, the combine realized more than 8 million rubles in profits. -- N. Khitrenko. chief engineer, "Baleyzoloto" Combine.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 124, 26 Jun 49

On 17 June, the "Darasunzoloto" Combine completed the second-quarter plan in all basic respects and achieved a considerable increase in the volume of gold mined as compared with the first quarter of 1949 and the first 6 months of 1948. On 23 June, Darasun miners and concentrating workers completed the June plan for gold mining and capital mine work.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 131, 6 Jul 49

On 1 July, the "Darasunzoloto" Combine completed the 7-month gold-mining plan, achieving a considerable increase in all fields of work over the same period in 1948. Mine No 10, the Vostochraya Mine, and the Mikhay-lovskoye Ore Administration completed the 7-month plan.

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Zabaykal skiy Rabochiy, No 118, 18 Jun 49

P. Komarov, chief of the Chikoy Mine Administration, Chita Criss, reports that the Kataztsa and Knilkotoy sectors considerably account of a mining plan. The Menzinskiy sector completed the companion of a June. A new dredge was put into operation at the Drazkniy Fine and construction of a dredge is being completed in the Extension sector.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 122, 24 Jun 49

The Chikey Mine Administration completed the 6-month gold-mining plan on 20 June.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 125, 28 Jun 49

Shilks -- The Zavitinskoye Mine Administration (director, S. Zhiryakov), Chita Oblast, completed the June plan for extraction of concentrates on 25 June.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 122, 24 Jun 49

The Shakhtama Mine Administration completed the 6-month plan on 20 June. During the first 6 months, the mines produced almost as much concentrate as they produced throughout all of 1948. The mining and processing of orc has increased 40 percent over 1948. The plan for extraction of metal was fulfilled 105 percent. The concentrating factory and Mine No 2 did particularly good work in +b's period. -- Ye. Gorovanov, director of the Shakhtama Mine Administration

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 129, 3 Jul 49

The Shumilowka Mine Administration (director, F. Grinev), Chita Oblast, has completed the 6-month plan in all respects. The tin-mining plan was fulfilled 103 percent and the plan for output of concentrates 108.7 percent.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 137, 15 Jul 49

The Zapokrovsko-Gurulevskoye Mine Administration, Chita Oblast, exceeded the 6-menth plan in all respects as follows: 28 percent for gross production, 22 percent for output of concentrates, 15 percent for mine preparatory work, and 11 percent for prospecting. Labor productivity for industrial workers was 18 percent above plan. Costs were decreased 12 percent, instead of 0.7 percent as plannad, with the result that 4,470,000 rubles of working capital were released and transferred to the main administration. Only 3.8 percent of all workers in the Mine Administration are not meeting their work norms.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 128, 2 Jul 49

The Sherlovaya Gora Combine (director, A. Shestakov), Chita Oblast, completed the June plan in all respects and increased the volume of tin mined by 19.8 percent over June 1948. The extensive mechanization of mining, transport, and sand washing was the deciding factor in the June success. New machines, including tractors, bulldozers, hydraulic excavators, dump trucks, and drilling machines, have been put into operation. Construction of the second section of the ore-concentrating plant has been completed. The new section will increase the plant's capacit logerest. A large sand-washing machine.

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for use in regions where unloading and washing of sand is done by limin monitors, has been put into operation in the Severnyy Mine. The time washing installation has been operating effectively. Jigging of time the washer during the process of concentrating alluvial deposits has been started on an extensive scale.

The combine's serious shortage of water has been overcome by the construction of a large basin, which has been filled with water, at the Zavodskiy Mine. The water is now used in mining, loading, and transporting sand to the washing installation. A dredge pump removes sand from the stope and shoots it under high pressure to the washing installation.

The combine is stepping up its rate of mining in order to overcome the lag of the first few months of this year.

COPPER PLANT COMPLETES HALF-YEAR FLAN -- Kommunist, No 163, 13 Jul 49

The smelting shop of the Alaverdi Copper-Smelting Flant completed the half-year plan for production of black copper 103.5 percent, and the electrolysis shop completed the plan 108.6 percent. During 5 months, above-plan accumulations amounted to 537,000 ruther. In June, 67,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power were saved. The reverberatory furnase completed the half-year plan 103 percent, reduced the loss of copper in slag by 25 percent, and saved 138 tons of fuel oil.

COLD NUCCET DISCOVERED -- Izvestiya, No 145, 22 Jun 49

A prospecting brigade of the "Kochkar'zoloto" (Kochkar' Gold) Trust in the southern Urals discovered a 1,300-gram gold magget while washing gold-bearing sand. The magget is the largest to be discovered in placer mining in the past 8 years.

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